

EDNET Faculty Training Workshop

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A professional development Scenario is provided below. The process of the scenario is most important...not the specific content.

SCENARIO #2

Should Our School District Become Involved in Distance Learning?

You have been invited by the principal of your high school to meet with the vice principal, the district technology coordinator, three to five teachers, the district curriculum coordinator, several specialists from the state office of education, and the manager of the state's public broadcasting television station. The purpose of this meeting is to explore the feasibility of a distance education program to deliver courses off-campus and to other schools in your district and possibly outside of your district.

After significant discussion, you are asked to form a study team to explore the possibilities of establishing such a program. This includes: program priorities, costs, support services, teacher training needs, additional equipment needs, delivery options, and possible administrative reorganization. Your team is also asked to identify policy issues that will have to be addressed: copyright, ownership, royalty sharing, preparation time, teacher incentives, and any other issues that the team can identify. You are also asked to identify which internal service organization in the school district and the state that should be involved.

Summarize what the research says about the effectiveness of distance education in the public school sector: what external support might be available; who is doing what successfully at other public schools around the country; and what types of experiences other school system have had with this type of program.

You have three months to prepare your final report. How much of a budget will you need and for what purpose? You will be released from all current duties to complete this task. The team will have unlimited access to all administrative and support groups in the school system.

YOUR TASK: *Determine what questions need to be addressed and where the answers to them could be found. Please form a team of 3-5 teachers and appoint a team spokesperson. Use the space below for notes as necessary.*

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